

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(25)

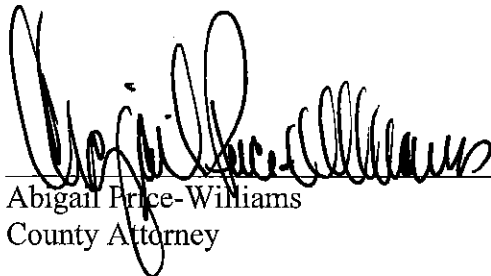
TO: Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 5, 2016

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution urging the
Governor and Florida Legislature
to increase funding for elder
meal programs and local service
providers in Miami-Dade
County; and opposing legislation
that might result in reductions in
said funding

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Rebeca Sosa.


Abigail Price-Williams
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Statement of social equity required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☒ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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10-5-16

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND FLORIDA
LEGISLATURE TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR ELDER MEAL
PROGRAMS AND LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS IN MIAMI-
DADE COUNTY; AND OPPOSING LEGISLATION THAT
MIGHT RESULT IN REDUCTIONS IN SAID FUNDING

WHEREAS, adequate nutrition is critical to one's health and quality of life, thus it is an important component of home and community-based services for elderly people; and

WHEREAS, with nearly 5 million residents age 60 and older, Florida currently ranks first in the nation in percentage of elderly residents; and

WHEREAS, Florida's senior population is expected to double to 9.7 million by 2030; and

WHEREAS, more than 1.6 million Floridians are age 75 and older, and 85 and older is the fastest growing age group by percentage; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 480,000 individuals in Florida are living with Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders (ADRD); and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County has a rapidly growing elderly population with increasing needs; and

WHEREAS, across the state, Miami-Dade County has the greatest number of residents age 60 and older; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 390,000 people over the age of 65 living in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, funding for local service providers results in thousands of meals for the elderly in Miami-Dade County and are the main source of funding for several senior centers in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to providing meals for the elderly, funding for local service providers facilitates the engagement of the elderly in the community because seniors who visit senior centers for meals also have access to an array of services, including education, recreation, and health screenings; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Elder Affairs has reported that home-delivered meal programs for the elderly are struggling to meet the needs of the community due in part to the rising cost of food; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Agriculture forecasts that the cost of food will continue to increase in 2017; and

WHEREAS, elder meal programs and other programs for the elderly in our community should be one of the state's greatest funding priorities; and

WHEREAS, accordingly, there is a great need for the state to provide financial assistance for these programs to ensure that they continue to operate in the years to come,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the Governor and Florida Legislature to increase funding for elder meal programs and local service providers in Miami-Dade County.

Section 2. Opposes legislation that might result in reductions in funding for elder meal programs and local service providers in Miami-Dade County.

Section 3. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Governor, Senate President, House Speaker, the Chair and Members of the Miami-Dade State Legislative Delegation, and the Secretary of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs.

Section 4. Directs the County's state lobbyists to advocate for the funding indicated in Section 1 above and oppose the legislation indicated in Section 2 above.

Section 5. Authorizes and directs the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2017 State Legislative Package when it is presented to the Board.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Rebeca Sosa. It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman	
Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Daniella Levine Cava
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	Xavier L. Suarez
Juan C. Zapata	

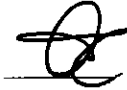
The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 5th day of October, 2016. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Annery Pulgar Alfonso